



STATE OF DELAWARE

DELAWARE HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES
DIVISION OF MEDICAID & MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

PLANNING AND POLICY DEVELOPMENT UNIT

MEMORANDUM

REPLY TO
ATTN. OF: Administrative Notice DMMA-05-2012

TO: All DMMA Staff

DATE: June 4, 2012

SUBJECT: Community Spouse Minimum Monthly Maintenance Needs Allowance

BACKGROUND

Under Section 1924 of the Social Security Act, the minimum monthly maintenance needs standard for the community spouse is increased on July 1 each year. In addition, the excess shelter amount and family allowance increases on July 1.

DISCUSSION

The figures below are based on federal poverty levels published prior to July 1 each year. Section 1924 of the Social Security Act requires July 1 as the effective date.

Effective July 1, 2012 the amounts increase to:

	07/2011	07/2012
A. Minimum Monthly Maintenance Needs Allowance (150% of FPL for 2)	\$1838.75	\$1891.25
B. Excess Shelter (30% of A)	\$ 551.63	\$ 567.38
C. Family Allowance (1/3 of A)	\$ 613.00	\$ 631.00

ACTION REQUIRED

Spousal worksheet and DCIS II will be updated with these new amounts.

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